

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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Mr. THOMSON, of New Jersey, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany Bill S. 335.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom were referred the papers relative to the claim of Abner Merrill, for increase of pension, beg leave to report :

That the said Abner Merrill was placed upon the pension roll on the 1st day of January, 1832, at the rate of four dollars per month, on account of partial disability, resulting from sickness and exposure while in the line of his duty as a soldier in the war of 1812.

They also find, by the certificates of two physicians, viz : A. J. W. Stevens, M. D., and Benjamin F. Green, M. D., proven by the testimony of Hon. H. Hamlin, of the United States Senate, and others, to be in respectable professional standing, that the disability under which Mr. Merrill had labored has now become *total*.

The committee therefore are of the opinion that he is entitled to full pension, and accordingly report a bill for that purpose.

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